- 215. He shall immediately summon before him the witness or witnesses in the case or cases and examine them upon oath, and any white person who aided in making the arrest and seizure shall be a competent witness against the parties charged.
- 216. The justice shall inquire fully into the alleged offence, and the finding sink-boats, sneak-boats or floats on board of said boat or craft employed as aforesaid, or in possession or use of the person or persons charged, shall be considered as *prima facie* evidence of guilt.
- 217. If, after a full investigation of the case or cases, the justice shall think the charge groundless, he shall immediately dismiss the case, at the cost of the county.
- 218. If the justice shall be of opinion that any wild ducks or other wild fowl have been shot at or killed in violation of this law, he shall impose a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, on each person engaged directly or indirectly therein, for every offence.
- 219. If the person or persons so convicted and fined shall not pay the fines thus imposed, the justice, if the officer making the arrest and seizure desire it, shall commit him or them to the county jail, and if committed, the officer who desired the commitment shall pay the jail fees, at the rate of twenty-five cents per day, and if he fail to pay said fees for the space of three consecutive days, the party shall be discharged.
- 220. The justice shall also, in case of conviction as aforesaid, adjudge and condemn as forfeited to the said officer and to the person or persons who may have aided him in making the arrest and seizure, the boat or craft in the possession of the officer, together with her papers, furniture, tackle and apparel, and all things on board of her at the time of her seizure, and all or any property in the possession of the said officer found, seized and taken as aforesaid, and the said officer, with the persons who aided him as aforesaid, shall sell the same to the highest bidder, after ten days' notice.
- 221. Any person or persons convicted as aforesaid, may at any time, within ten days from the rendition of the judgment of the justice of the peace, appeal therefrom to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county, and the said court shall, without any